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SUBJECT: TEXTILES - REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF TERM "CONTAINING
WOOLS" IN CORRELATION OF TEXTILE AND APPAREL CATEGORIES
WITH TSUSA

1. ROC GARMENT MANUFACTURER IS NEGOTIATING CONTRACT WITH US IMPORTER FOR RAINCOATS WITH DETACHABLE LINER. COAT ITSELF WOULD BE COTTON WHILE LINER WOULD BE MAN-MADE/WOOL BLEND. CHIEF VALUE OF COAT WITH LINER WOULD BE COTTON.
2. SINCE MORE THAN 17 PERCENT OF WEIGHT OF COAT WITH LINER WOULD BE WOOL WOULD GARMENT BE ASSESSED DUTY ON BASIS OF WOOL CONTENT OR CHIEF VALUE? ONE GROUP IN BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE(BOFT) HAS OPINED THAT SINCE COAT CAN BE WORN WITHOUT LINER IT WOULD BE ASSESSED DUTY LEVIED ON COTTON GARMENT WHILE LINER WOULD BE ASSESSED DUTY LIVED ON WOOL GARMENT. ANOTHER GROUP IN BOFT ARGUES THAT LINER CANNOT BE CONSIDERED A GARMENT SINCE IT IS NEVER WORN SEPARATELY FROM COAT. THEREFORE, DUTY ON WOOL WOULD APPLY TO BOTH COAT AND LINER. A THIRD GROUP ARGUES THAT SINCE CHIEF VALUE OF COAT WITH LINER IS COTTON, DUTY ON COTTON GARMENTS WOULD APPLY TO BOTH.
3. MANUFACTURER HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO FIND OUT WHAT APPLICABLE DUTY RATE. DEPARTMENT'S CLARIFICATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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